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Applicant : Connie D. Myers  
Application No. : 09/575,249  
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For : MULTI-VENDOR TRANSACTIONS BASED ON  
NEAR-IMMEDIATE REBATE DETECTION

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Date : April 16, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph to the detailed description, beginning on page 68, line 4:

As is apparent above, unless context clearly requires otherwise, those having ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the embodiments described herein function with related-art rebate vehicles, such as FSIs, as well as with other rebate

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